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## PIEDMONT COLLEGE WELCOMES SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE FOR 1972 ANNUAL MEETING



### President James E. Walter

Delegates and visitors to the 1972 Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference, will be welcomed to the campus of Piedmont College on Saturday morning, June 10, by the college president, James E. Walter.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, President Walter attended Toledo University and Otterbein College and went on to the Divinity School at Yale University, from which he received a B.D. degree in 1933. Ordained by the Congregational Churches in New Haven, Conn., he has received honorary degrees from Piedmont and Otterbein Colleges.

He served as pastor of Orange Congregational Church for four years, then as National Project Secretary of the Home and Foreign Missionary Boards of the Congregational Church for twelve years with headquarters in Boston, Mass. The Walters have two sons, Robert and Douglas, both married.

### SE Conference To Be Held At Piedmont College

In a recent letter to the Southeast Conference Minister, Dr. James E. Walter, President of Piedmont College wrote, "All the members of our faculty and staff are aware of the Southeast Conference on campus on June 10-11. We look forward to having you all on our campus."

Piedmont College is a four-year co-educational, liberal arts college, founded in 1897 and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1965. It is situated in Demorest, Georgia, in the Blue Ridge foothills of the Appalachians, 85 miles northeast of Atlanta, on U. S. Routes 441 and 23.

In 1948, cartoonist Ripley described Piedmont as the only four-year liberal arts college in America that did not have a single building designed to be a college facility. A two-story mule barn was the classroom building. A four-story resort hotel was the women's dormitory and the college dining hall. A small two-story building purchased from the Army housed the business administration classes. An old frame house with a leaky roof was the business office and the president's headquarters.

Today, Piedmont College is one of the few small colleges of the nation entirely free from debt, with an Endowment Fund of more than one million dollars. Physical facilities have kept stride, with old buildings modernized and new ones constructed. It boasts a well-qualified faculty of thirty professors, ten with earned Ph.D. degrees, and two more qualifying in the coming year. Graduates of Piedmont are admitted to full graduate credit in lead-



### John H. Bridges, Host Pastor

The Rev. John H. Bridges, pastor of Demorest Federated Church, will be host pastor to the 1972 Annual Meeting.

The Rev. Mr. Bridges, a ministerial member of the North Georgia Conference, United Methodist Church, has privilege of call in the U.C.S. He is also Head of the Department of Sociology, Piedmont College, and Director of Social Services, Habersham Home.

A native of Jacksonville, Florida, he and his family moved to Atlanta, Ga., when he was fourteen years of age. He then attended school in Atlanta, including Emory University, from which he holds A.B., B.D., and Ph.D. degrees. He is a candidate for a Master of Social Work Degree at the University of Georgia.

He and Mrs. Thelma Glaze Bridges are parents of two teenage sons.

### DIRECTIONS TO DEMOREST, GEORGIA

Demorest, Georgia, located in the beautiful mountains of northeast Georgia, is located on U. S. Highways 441 and 23, about four miles north of Cornelia, and

four miles south of Clarksville.

If possible, plan to spend some time in this picturesque country, either before or following the Annual Meeting, June 10 and 11.

ing universities throughout the country.

Industrious and able students of limited financial means are welcomed and are provided work-aid and scholarships. Work-

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# Report of Southeast Conference Board of Directors, Executive Committee

During 1971-72 the Board of Directors met twice and the Executive Committee three times. Committees elected for the year were:

**Resolutions:** David Busbe, Chairman; Alan Smalley, Mrs. A. D. Harry and Franklin Thomas.

**Conference Program:** Don Orander, Chairman; Conference Moderator, Conference Minister, Conference Secretary, John Bridges, Edith Biggers, Warren Blankenhorn, Marguerite Davison, Bob Koenig.

**Finance:** Presley Ingram, Chairman; Conference Moderator; Conference Minister; Conference Treasurer; Carey Brown; Henry Brown; R. A. Kampmeier; and Paul Beaird.

**Personnel:** John Enwright, Chairman; Homer McEwen; Allen Hollis; William Green, Jr.; and Conference Moderator.

**Credentials:** Guy Colbert, Chairman; Moderators of Associations.

**Nominating:** Walter Hall, Chairman; Mrs. Edward M. Brown and Mrs. Arthur C. Curtright.

**General Synod Delegates:** Andrew Cooper, 1973; Mrs. Harry Shrago, 1975; Wallace Boothby, 1977.

Other actions taken:

I. That the Board of Directors become the Trustees of the Atlanta Foundation, and that these monies be used for scholarships at Vanderbilt Divinity School. The Scholarship Committee consists of the Conference Minister, the Conference Moderator, and the Coordinator of the Commission on Church and Ministry.

II. Following the adoption of recommendations of the Conference Planning Committee at the 1971 meeting of the Southeast Conference, the Board of Directors approved the recommendation of an *ad hoc* Committee composed of Don Flick, John Enwright, and Allen Hollis, for a "Conference Team Ministry" and voted that the Conference Minister would take this proposal back to Association meetings in October 1971 for the purpose of seeking approval and support.

III. Since the 1971 Annual Meeting of S.E.C. approved the action of the Board of Directors and Planning Committee in proposing the study and re-designing of Conference and Association Staff functions and also the development of Association or Area Ministries, and

Since the Board of Directors, at Camp Calvin, Sept. 1971, proposed the related concept of Associate Conference Ministers in the three planning areas, and

Since the Fall meetings of Associations



MRS. W. WALTER HALL,

approved this proposal, and

Since the Conference Board of Directors is authorized to function for the Conference between meetings,

## THEREFORE

The Board of Directors approves in principle the Conference Team Ministry Plan as circulated among the Associations in October 1971.

IV. That the term "Associate Conference Minister" means "professional staff" as referred to in the Constitution (Article 5, paragraph 7).

V. That the Board of Directors continue to use the 1972 Budget as a guideline in 1972 until such time as the Conference Team Ministry plan is implemented.

VI. That the proposed budget for the Team Ministry be approved in principle as a basis for negotiation with all funding sources.

VII. That the three, Walter Hall, Don Flick and Don Daughtry, who presented the proposal in New York, revamp the Team Ministry proposals and mail copies of final draft to the members of the Executive Committee for authorization and send to Serge Hummon (deadline for presentation to BHM, March 1, 1972).

VIII. That we accept the figures for the 1972 Budget staff salary revisions, outlined earlier in the meeting for \$23,704, and that they be used as a guideline for payment of staff salaries for the year. This was clarification of the 1972 budget.

IX. That we accept the proposed Ident-

tity Program in principle and develop it if funds can be found.

X. That a Conference Team Ministry be developed along these lines:

1. Full-time Conference Minister.
2. Full-time Administrative Assistant (at a lower expense than present second staff position).
3. Possible Black Ministries Enabler, if funds can be obtained.
4. Recognize the enabling actions of:
  - a. Ala.-Tenn. Association in paying mileage to its Moderator until the Fall Meeting, to visit churches;
  - b. North Ala. Association in paying expenses of Dr. Guy Colbert, Pastor-at-Large;
  - c. South Ala.-N.W. Florida Association in paying expenses of its Moderator to visit churches; East Ala. Association, and possibly Central and South Ala., Associations in hiring a full-time Area Minister for the entire area of southern Alabama.

XI. That the new Conference Team Ministry Proposal be submitted to the Personnel and Finance Committees and that their recommendations be then submitted to the Executive Committee and Annual Conference for consideration and implementation effective Jan. 1, 1973.

XII. That the Conference Minister, Minister of Christian Education, Moderator and Chairman of the Commission on Church and Ministry select a group of people to go to the Deering Conference, July 23-29, 1972, and to implement their learnings in a Faith Crisis program in the Southeast Conference.

XIII. That Henry W. Tuttle approach Serge Hummon and Milton Upton at a BHM meeting in New York, April 28, 1972, to ask for funds to implement funding of the Black Ministries Enabler.

XIV. That we urge both staff members to stay with the Conference with full understanding of the new job proposals, responsibilities and salaries.

XV. That an effort be made by the Board of Directors to solicit scholarship funds for churches, with the program being publicized through the *Southeast News*.

XVI. That the Nominating Committee be instructed to work out a method of staggering terms of office of Conference so that not all are elected in the same year.

XVII. The Board of Directors expressed grateful appreciation to W. J. Andes and Emilie Pitcock for their dedicated work in the Conference.

—Mrs. W. Walter Hall, Moderator

—Donald B. Orander, Secretary

## Commission On Church And Ministry



David Lewis Beebe, Chairman

The commission met twice during the year. Members of the commission include the chairman of Association committees on church and ministry, which have carried out the work of examining candidates for ordination, as well as considering matters of standing, licensure, "in care" status, and the like.

The commission itself has taken the following actions: 1. expressed interest in and concern for continuing enlistment of our young people in the Christian ministry; 2. designated Judge K. Rowley as our liaison person with Atlanta's Interdenominational Theological Center, and Steve Paterson as our liaison with Vanderbilt University Divinity School; 3. spent considerable time working out approaches to "lay ministry", licensure, and "local" ordination; 4. adopted as its concern two of the Eight General Synod's "priorities": strengthening the local church and the faith crisis; 5. responded to an inquiry from the Pension Board by expressing its opinion that the United Church of Christ should NOT press for a change in the Social Security "Self-Employment" status of ministers.

The commission has made the following recommendations: 1. Churches and Associations are urged to seek ways to involve ministers not serving as pastors in their life together. 2. Association committees on church and ministry are asked to inform the commission of any requests made to the Council for Church and Ministry for seminary student aid. 3. Association committees on church and ministry

## How A Typical \$10 Is Spent In U. C. C.

\$6.83 for current local church expenses: pastor's salary and car expense, secretarial, janitorial salaries, utilities, music, office supplies and printing, education, local mission and other program, transportation, taxes and insurance, building maintenance and minor repairs.

\$1.69 for capital payments: payments on new building, major remodeling, building funds for anticipated projects, debt reduction.

\$.42 for conference basic support: to maintain the office of the conference minister and staff, camps and conferences, church extension, evangelism, various services to local churches such as leadership education, search for new pastors, pastoral leadership projects, continuing education.

\$.51 for national basic support: for use of the ten instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ for their work overseas and in cities, towns and farms throughout the United States.

\$.24 for other support for causes included in budgets of conferences and national instrumentalities. These include such projects as Share Our Substance, Neighbors in Need, Crisis in the Nation as well as directed gifts to the instrumentalities. These might include gifts to colleges or seminaries.

\$.31 for all other gifts, such as those sent to health and welfare institutions—homes for the aged and children, hospitals, local councils of churches and any institutions not already in the budget. Also included are Red Cross, Community Chest and local ecumenical projects such as drug programs.

—Wisconsin Conference Life

are requested to maintain current lists of ministers holding Association ministerial standing, regularly brought up-to-date, and to furnish these lists to the commission. They are also asked to provide the commission and our Conference office with current lists of licensure, privilege of call, "in care" students, and ordinations. 4. The commission requested the Conference Board of Directors to seek additional gifts for Southeast Conference scholarship funds, used in furthering ministerial preparation in college and seminary. The board agreed, and the commission now urges our churches, Associations, and individual members to make such undesigned gifts through our Conference office.

—David Lewis Beebe, Coordinator

## Report Of The Outreach Commission



Henry W. Tuttle, Chairman

During the past year, the first task of the Outreach Commission has been to learn the extent of its duties and to understand its opportunities.

At its first meeting at Camp Calvin, it became apparent that each of its several obligations would need to be addressed separately and that priorities must be assigned to the various parts of the Commission's work.

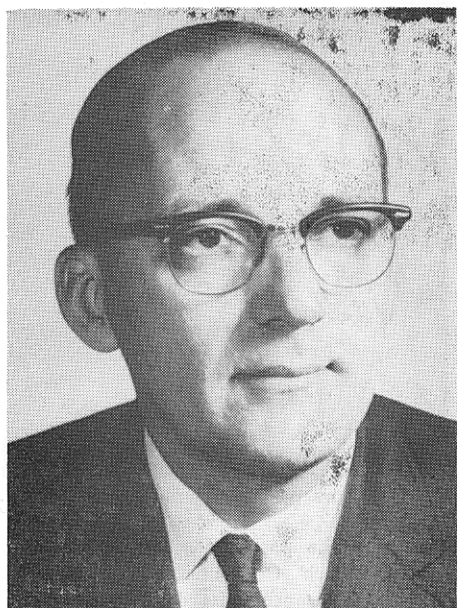
Items of particular interest which have been addressed by the Commission are:

1. *The needs of church extension projects and aided fields:* Two three-day meetings were held at Berry College, Rome, Ga. An opportunity was afforded each pastor to explain his work, his hopes, his dreams, and his needs; a plan of action was estimated to form a close fellowship between these men. Out of the second meeting came a proposal of an *Identity Program* for the Southeast Conference because it was felt that we need a sense of knowing who we are and having at our disposal the tools to describe our U.C.C. heritage and purpose to the region in which we are working. Gene Schneider, of the Office of Communication, David Beebe, Coordinator of the Commission of Church and Ministry, W. J. Andes and Emilie Pitcock aided us in putting the Identity Program together. It has now been passed by our Conference Board of Directors and funded by the Board for Homeland Ministries with every expectation of starting in the Fall of 1972.

The *Identity Program* will consist of several parts, each designed to interpret the United Church of Christ in the Southeast, first to ourselves, then to Conferences around us, then to those within the Conference area who are not of our denomination, and finally to a specific situation or area. Content of the program will con-

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## REV. E. A. SCHNEIDER TO DIRECT WORKSHOPS

The Rev. Eugene A. Schneider, Associate Director, Office of Communication, United Church of Christ, will play a prominent role in the Southeast Conference 1972 Annual Meeting.

Active in religious broadcasting on the state, national, and international scene, the Rev. Mr. Schneider has been a member of the board of managers of the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches since 1955.

He has served as pastor of St. Johns Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa, organized a mission church, and served both as co-pastor and senior pastor of the Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, Church. While in Wisconsin he was Chairman of the Commission on Education of the Wisconsin Conference, U.C.C. He is a member of Kiwanis International and of the World Association of Christian Communication.

## Dr. Thomas Isbell Retires From Brenau

Dr. Thomas Isbell, on the staff of Brenau College, Gainesville, Ga., for the past 18 years, has retired, effective March 15, 1972.

A graduate of Berry College, Andover-Newton Theological School, and Boston University, Isbell was on the faculty of Berry College, Rome, Ga., and was President of Maunaloa Community College, Hawaii, before becoming associated with Brenau. An ordained U.C.C. minister, he has also served as pastor of several churches in the area.

Dr. and Mrs. Isbell will make their home in the Gainesville area.

## A Report Of Uplands

Growth, expansion, greater interest on the part of prospective retirees and churches, more and varied activities — these are more and more a part of the scene at Uplands Retirement Center, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

The Uplands' Retirement Village population now totals 105; 24 residents arrived during the past year. Ten one- and two-bedroom apartments have been built and are now occupied; four others are under construction. Three individual retirement houses were constructed during 1971 and three more are scheduled for construction very soon.

Wharton Nursing Home continues to render the finest care possible to its patients who come from nine states and four foreign countries. Although having more Nursing Home patients than a year ago, Uplands needs several more.

Miss May Bryant, RN, of Princeton, Ill., is our new Nursing Supervisor. Formerly a missionary nurse in Turkey under the OCBWM, she began her work at Uplands in October 1971. In March 1972, Miss Bryant was named "Graduate Nurse of the Year" by the Council for Health and Welfare Services of the United Church of Christ.

During the year, Uplands' Medical Out-patient Clinic served more than 700 patients. Unfortunately, because of constantly operating at a tremendous deficit, the Clinic had to be closed at the end of 1971. We hope this is just a temporary measure.

During 1971 Uplands' Child Care Center experienced increasing problems of enrollment, leadership and finances. As a result it, too, had to be closed.

Our Thrift Shop continues to serve mountain families who cannot afford to buy clothing from a retail store. Uplands receives an average of eight cartons of new and used clothing and bedding per week from church groups and individuals.

Although contributions from our churches of our support area increased significantly during 1971, they still fell far short of actual needs. Whereas many of the Health and Welfare agencies of the U.C.C. receive from their support area churches an amount equal to at least 10 percent to 25 percent of their operating budget, in 1971, Uplands received contributions equal to only 6 percent of its operating budget in 1971.

Uplands is now marking 50 years of medical service to the people of the Cumberland Mountains. The first special ob-

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## Chester B. Eaton To Represent U. C. C. Executive Council

Mr. Chester B. Eaton, an insurance field underwriter with Mutual of New York, will represent the U.C.C. Executive Council at the S.E.C. Annual Meeting, June 10 and 11, 1972.

A member of the Board of Directors of the Vermont Conference, and Chairman of that Conference's Stewardship Department, Mr. Eaton has served as president and vice president of the Conference and as Chairman of its Board of Directors. He has been active in Boy Scouting, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and Lions Club.

A resident of Rutland, Vermont, he is a director of the Vermont Children's Aid Society and was for many years a trustee of the University of Vermont.

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# Proposed Program SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING **Southeast Conference Of The** **United Church Of Christ**

Piedmont College, Demorest, Georgia

JUNE 10-11, 1972

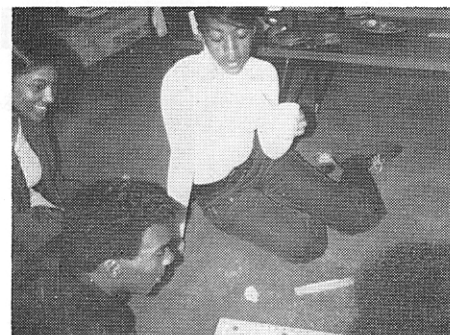
THEME: "COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL"

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 10:**

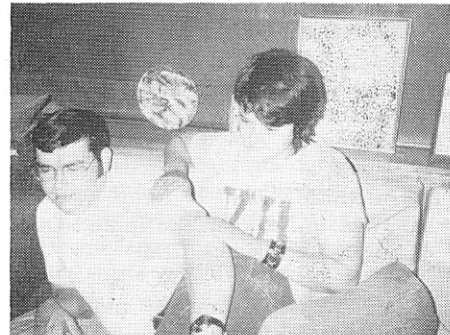
- 9:00 A. M. Registration — CHAPEL BASEMENT
- 10:00 Call to Order — Mrs. Walter Hall, Moderator — CHAPEL  
Opening Worship — David Beebe, Conference Chaplain  
Welcome — James E. Walter, President, Piedmont College; John H. Bridges, Pastor, Federated Church, Demorest  
Conference Business  
Commission Presentations (Discussion later):  
Church and Ministry — David L. Beebe  
Christian Education — John K. Murphy  
Outreach — Henry W. Tuttle  
Report of the Board of Directors
- 12 Noon Lunch — CAFETERIA
- 1:00 P. M. "How the Word Gets Around" — JENKINS AUDITORIUM  
(Multi-media presentation on the Identity Program)  
Eugene A. Schneider, Assoc. Director U. C. C. Office of Communication
- 2:00-2:50 Communication Workshops, First Session  
(These workshops are repeated to allow each delegate to participate in two.)  
Group 1: "What Is News?" — Leader: Editor of area newspaper  
Group 2: "How Does Your Community See Your Church?"  
Leader: Mr. Schneider  
Group 3: "How Do Individual Christians Communicate the Faith?"  
Leader: Mr. Chester Eaton, Member U. C. C. Executive Council  
Group 4: "Communicating through Mission"  
Leaders: Dr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Munson
- 3:00-3:50 Communication Workshops, Second Session
- 4:00 Conference Business  
Discussion of Commission and Board of Directors Reports  
Report of Resolutions Committee
- 5:30 Recess
- 6:30 Banquet — CAFETERIA  
Banquet Program — JENKINS AUDITORIUM  
"People Around the World" — Miss Lillian McKee and World Tour Members  
Ole Thermometer U. Reunion—Warren Blankenhorn and Company
- 8:15 Conference Business
- 9:30 Recess

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 11:**

- 7:30 A. M. Breakfast — CAFETERIA
- 8:45 Informal Workshops — CHAPEL BASEMENT CLASSROOMS  
Group 1: "New Resources — Identity Program — Church Newsletter Evaluation" Leader: Mr. Schneider  
Group 2: Report from U. C. C. Executive Council  
Leaders: Andrew Cooper and Chester Eaton
- 9:30 Conference Business — CHAPEL BASEMENT
- 10:45 Recess to Worship
- 11:00 Worship — FEDERATED CHURCH  
Sermon: Mr. Chester Eaton  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Adjournment following Worship



Barry Goodman, Cathy White, Jacqueline Gray, SEC Youth Officers, Gunterville, 4/30/72.



Sue and Buddy Walther, SEC Youth officers, Gunterville, 4/30/72.

## **E. C. Hayes Family** **Hosts SEC Youth Officers**

The summer cottage of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hayes and daughter Pamela of Birmingham, Ala., First Church, was the scene of the first meeting of the 1972-73 SEC YOUTH officers. Located on Lake Gunterville, the cottage provided an ideal setting for recreation and getting acquainted. Business was kept to a minimum, although some necessary items were discussed: evaluation of the Camp Sumatanga experience and choice of additional lay advisors for the group.

President Peter Andreae cooks up a tasty spaghetti sauce, and bakes a delicious orange cake. The latter was utilized to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Marian Edwards, mother of Terry and Monica Edwards, of Nashville, Tenn. Attending were: Jaci Chetelat, Janice Chetelat, Peter Andreae, Monica Edwards, Jacqueline Gray, Pamela Hayes, Barry Gooden, Rissa Tucker, Cathy White, Mrs. E. C. Hayes, Buddy and Sue Walther, and Emilie Pitcock.

Several learned to play "Adi" a fascinating marble game from Africa. Sue Walther failed in an attempt to catch fish. A few hardy souls tried to sleep under the Stars on Saturday night, but showers finally drove them in.

All in all, it was a happy event, as the above photographs show.

# 1971 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## INCOME:

Our Christian World Mission, Basic & Other  
Church Extension — BHM  
Southeast News  
Per Capita Dues  
Interest  
Rent (Stewardship Council)  
Refunds: Travel  
Other  
From Insurance & Salvage Company (for repairs  
and replacing conference autos damaged)  
Gifts for Conference Support  
SEC Youth  
Ministers' Health Insurance  
SEC Annual Meeting  
Partial Repayment of Loan, Huntsville  
Designated Incomes for Specific Ministries  
Transmittals  
Other

\$65,640.24  
19,851.50  
370.50  
591.27  
581.24  
935.00  
1,168.55  
361.51

2,687.32  
551.60  
2,515.28  
9,784.25  
1,002.50  
3,000.00  
3,962.16  
4,149.12  
426.00

## DISBURSEMENTS:

OCWM to National, Basic and Other  
Church Extension: BHM  
SEC

19,334.22  
6,444.06

Staff Salaries, Annuities and Housing  
Conference Meetings  
Insurance  
Postage, Stationery  
Promotional Materials  
Southeast News  
Salaries and Benefits — Office  
Rent  
Taxes  
Staff Travel  
Auto Replacement and Repairs  
Telephone  
New Equipment  
To Savings  
Miscellaneous and Contingency  
SEC Youth  
SEC Annual Meeting  
Ministers' Health Insurance  
Temporary Loan to Huntsville  
Designated Funds for Specific Ministries  
Transmitted Out  
Total Disbursements, through Dec. 31, 1971

21,865.33  
25,778.28  
21,705.72  
1,544.90  
179.00  
1,437.52  
629.53  
1,902.59  
3,952.43  
2,700.00  
406.96  
4,963.25  
4,322.00  
1,038.66  
300.00  
1,725.00  
1,102.33  
1,891.76  
420.15  
9,578.75  
4,500.00  
5,206.29  
2,830.67  
\$119,981.12

## RECAPITULATION

Bank Balance, Checking Account, Dec. 31, 1970  
Receipts, Jan. - Dec., 1971  
Disbursements, Jan. - Dec. 1971  
Bank Balance, Checking Account, Dec. 31, 1971  
Savings Accounts

10,000.00  
1,000.00  
6,846.54  
17,846.54

## Restricted Funds, as of Dec. 31, 1971

SEC Scholarship Aid  
Ensminger Scholarship  
SEC Church and Ministry  
SEC Church Extension  
Less Temp. Loan to Huntsville  
To Huntsville, from Miami  
Lay Life and Work

699.44  
4,810.66  
59.83  
5,865.59  
—1,500.00  
1,200.00  
79.12  
\$11,214.64

## SOUTHERN UNION COLLEGE, INC.

Balance, Checking Account,  
12/31/70 2,255.84  
Receipts 829.10  
Disbursements 2,799.83  
Balance, Checking Account,  
12/31/71 285.11  
Savings Account 5,000  
Interest, Dec. 1971 305.85  
5,305.85

## LEVERETT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance 12/31/70 455.65  
Receipts 1/1/71-12/31/71 39.32  
Disbursements 332.00  
Balance, 12/31/71 162.97

## CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION

Balance, 4/6/70 677.84  
Receipts 4/6/70-12/31/71 95.75  
Disbursements 6/6/70 to  
12/31/71 500.00  
Balance, Checking Account  
12/31/71 273.59  
Balance, Savings Account  
12/31/71 \$2,983.48

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aid opportunities include not only jobs in the kitchen and office, but also assignments of student tutoring in every department. Many of Piedmont's young people work a major portion of their way through college.

With the greatest need in the area of professional training continuing to be the preparation of elementary and high school teachers, with the recent approval of the Georgia State Department of Education for the training of both elementary and secondary teachers, an intensive building program, and the increase and upgrading of the college faculty and staff, wholesome growth of Piedmont is reflected.

## UCBWM Member Seeks Books

School-teacher Nan Schuldt, corporate member of the United Church Board for World Ministries, has organized a Books for Rhodesia campaign to help 21,000 African youngsters learn to read.

Mrs. Schuldt is combing the country for 10,000 books, 54 encyclopedia sets and 54 three year *National Geographic* subscriptions. This is her goal by November 1972. Books should be new or in good condition, have good print and easy vocabulary. They may include fiction, Bible stories and simple science books. Textbooks are not recommended.

Want to help? For more information write: Mrs. Nan R. Schuldt, 7216 West 110th Place, Apt. 2A, Worth, Ill. 60432.



Annette Moseley and Jim Cowlshaw  
Ministers Convocation '72



Horace Sills and Don Orander  
Ministers Convocation '72

## Ministers' Convocation Held At Callaway Gardens

Attending the annual Convocation of Ministers and Wives of the Southeast Conference held at Callaway Gardens May 8-10, 1972, were the following couples: the Bill Andes, David Beebe, Warren Blankenhorn, Ed Brown, Floyd Carmack, Jim Cowlshaw, Ellis Fann, Charles Haun, Walter Hall, George Hawkins, Allen Hollis, Paul Hunter, K. C. Johnson, S. L. Johnson, Everett MacNair, Neil Moseley, Arnold Slater, A. R. Van Cleave, and Henry Weaver. Also there were: Don Orander, Emilie and Nettie Pitcock, Hank Tuttle and Roger Whitley.

The program on Evangelism was picked from the first two priorities of the UCC biennium emphasis: The Faith Crisis; The Local Church. We regret that many who promised to be there were unable to attend.

The Convocation included as resource personnel: Al Krass, consultant on Evangelism for the Board for World Ministries; Horace Sills, Vice President of Lancaster Theological Seminary; Eugene Wehrli, professor of New Testament at Eden Theological School. These three men complemented one another in a remarkable way.

Neil Moseley as registrar, Warren Blankenhorn as Treasurer, Floyd Carmack as Chaplain and Jeri Carmack as maker of

## 'Religious Isolationism' Attacked

At a recent meeting of the Directors of the Board for Homeland Ministries, Dr. Howard E. Spragg, executive vice president, deplored the fact that the church is facing an institutional crisis "compounded of changes in commitment on the part of members and lack of money."

Dr. Spragg charged that there has been a dramatic change among church members from interest in missionary activities to what he termed "religious isolationism." This change has been due to declining membership, aging of the total membership of churches and increasing polarization within churches on issues that are spitting the whole nation and reflect the "grim conditions in the United States." "As the church becomes more and more self-centered," he asserted, "it loses its dynamism and reason for existence."

U.C.C. churches are urged to reassess their attitudes toward current social and individual dilemmas: "We need a revived and positive social stance; we need more money. But neither of these will save us from the present low level of the church's commitment. We need a re-welding of purpose among local congregations, regional bodies, and the national and international missionary bodies."

"The local church as an institution is central to our tradition, but insulated localism is a perversion of our faith," he warned.

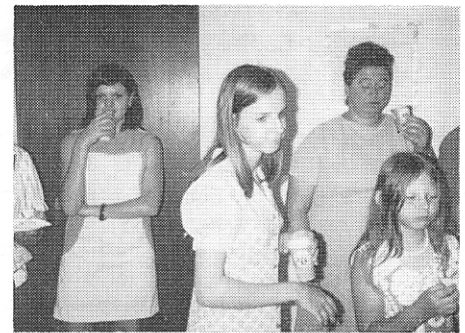
Turning to the working of the UCBHM, Dr. Spragg declared, "Our special gift is a prophetic voice, tempered by involvement. When missionary agencies like the UCBHM speak out on controversial issues they do so with the institutional experience of more than a century of work serving the aged, underprivileged children, Blacks, migrant workers, and other dispossessed persons.

He called the Board a servant of the local church, yet one that must minister to it by "placing new demands upon it, stretching its horizons and offering it goals that it may be fulfilled. We listen and are servants. We lead and are servants. We minister as servants," Dr. Spragg concluded.

ice-cream "Made" the Conference.

By vote of those attending, the committee for the 1973 Convocation will be: Mr. and Mrs. Neil Moseley, Mr. George Hawkins, Mrs. Walter Hall, Mrs. David Beebe, and Mr. Warren Blankenhorn. Plan to attend next year, May 7-9 at Callaway Gardens.

—S. L. Johnson



Linda Burder, Deborah Loosier,  
Kelley Craft, Nina Wilson

## No. Alabama Youth Meet At Old Liberty Grove

Approximately 50 "youth" of all ages attended the regular "fifth" Sunday meeting held on April 30 at Old Liberty Grove Church, Town Creek, Ala. Following devotions, Rev. George Fidler led the group in fun singing.

Bible Study, led by President Teresa Bradford, proved two things: 1. that Bible Study can be fun, and 2. that even the preachers don't have all the answers as to what's in the Bible.

A tasty sandwich supper was enjoyed following the meeting. North Alabama Youth will meet next at Mt. Lebanon, Steele, Ala., Sunday, July 23.

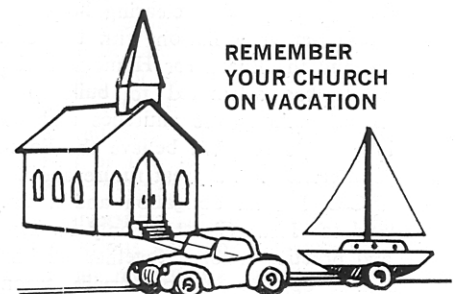
## CONVERSATION

Your eyes mirror your soul—  
Exploding with angry lightning  
Or ebbing with sadness from deep within.

They scan and search,  
Then pierce with their intensity;  
But best of all,  
They lilt with laughter  
That brightens my heart.

I love our eye-to-eye silent conversation.  
Your eyes will talk to me forever  
And mine will talk back.

—Diane Farrell  
Brookmeade Church, Nashville, Tenn.





## OUTREACH COMMISSION . . .

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sist of a slide or filmstrip presentation, radio advertising spots, newspaper advertising, brochures and other media. Two pilot projects are projected for Knoxville and Huntsville this fall, using the full content of the program. What is learned from these experiences will be used to improve the program for use by other churches as we are able.

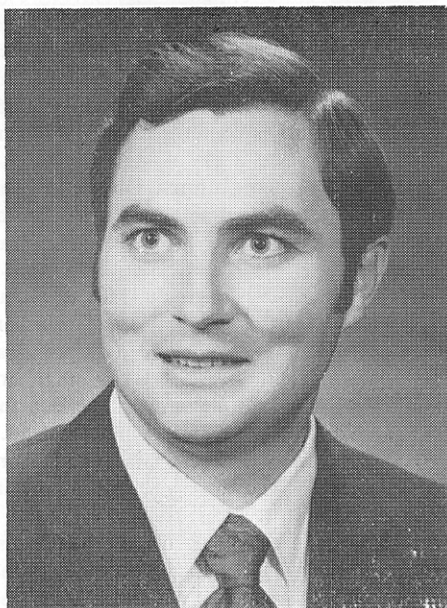
2. *Our Christian World Mission:* After consultations with W. J. Andes and Karlton C. Johnson, suggested goals for basic support were submitted to each of our churches. These goals were established on a fair share, per member, basis of our total Conference budget. The Commission welcomes suggestions as to the method to be used for 1973.

3. *Specialized Ministries:* Beginning in April 1972, the Conference and Board for Homeland Ministries joined Plymouth Church, Charleston, in the Plymouth House project which will minister to the many children and youth in the area of the Church through arts and crafts, a tutorial program, sports and games, a counseling center and other creative programs. Rev. John T. Enwright is pastor of Plymouth Church.

Also, we have entered into an ecumenical ministry with five other denominations, now called the Northwoods' United Ministry, in North Charleston. Rev. H. Carroll Cash is now at work in this area.

4. *Fort Walton Beach:* A request of several families in this Florida community resulted in a survey conducted by Ira Black, Serge Hummon, and Commission members. As a result, Fred Meyer spent several weeks in the area this Spring, visiting prospective families and leading worship services. At this writing, it is hoped that a seminary student can work in the area during this coming summer.

It is apparent that the several Association committees on outreach must conduct the major work of Outreach. The Commission can only be a clearing house for ideas and act as a liaison with the Conference and the Board for Homeland Ministries. It has attempted to build pride and morale among the churches and will continue to do so. We believe the Southeast Conference has a great future and that the U.C.C. has an obligation and a duty to stand for Jesus Christ as only its heritage and practice enables; together we have a singular opportunity for service among



TOM MEDDERS

### Medders Called To Mt. Olive Church

Mt. Olive Congregational Christian Church, Tallassee, Ala., has called Rev. Tom Medders as their pastor.

A native of West Blocton, Ala., the Rev. Mr. Medders was graduated from Marion College, Indiana; upon graduation, he attended Western Evangelical Seminary, Portland, Ore.; he served churches while in that area.

He is married to the former Lois Oden of Covington, Ky. They are the parents of three children, Tommy, Lisa and Laurie.

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servance held in August 1971, featured a dramatic sketch of Uplands' beginning and appropriate reminiscences and addresses. In early December, all babies born at Uplands from 1922 to 1950 were honored. At that time Miss Alice Adshead, the remaining founder was also honored. A third major event of the 50th Anniversary year was held in April 1972 in connection with a special Hobby Show at Uplands.

—H. Wayne Peck, Executive Director  
the people of this region.

I am grateful for the help and encouragement of our Conference staff, the loyalty of Commission members, and the help of national staff persons. The work has been rewarding, challenging and exciting.

—Henry W. Tuttle, Co-ordinator

## Elon Home For Children

The 1971 story of Elon Home for Children is one of continued concern for boys and girls. Facilities for group care of 70 children were in full use most of the year. In addition, several boys and girls lived in carefully chosen foster homes under supervision of the Home's staff. Third, the Home served 38 children in its Day Nursery and Kindergarten, and after-care was provided for the Home's young people enrolled in college or technical schools as well as other alumni.

McFarland Activities Building and Hard-en and McEwen cottages were completed and occupied.

Of great interest to the staff was the matter of family preservation. Staff members are studying the matter and working to enhance it. The Social Service Department worked with families of the Home's children, helping them to solve their problems. The Day Care program is another means through which the Home seeks to help families.

Special programs of recreation were arranged for children of all ages. And to be sure that all health needs were met, part-time services of a psychiatrist, a psychologist, and the Behavior Clinic at North Carolina Memorial Hospital were used. A two-year program sponsored by the Duke Endowment in which college students helped houseparents in cottages was so successful that college students are being used in the recreation program. Staff members continue to take special training to make them more skilled. Children had an active religious life, art and sewing classes, and other opportunities for developing talents and abilities.

A Learning Center helped boys and girls with special tutoring. A program assists juniors and seniors to prepare for the time when they will leave the Home for college or a job. There is also a special effort to guide teenage boys in learning how to share with others, how to be a part of a group, and how to live happily in a group.

The farm raises food for the Home and the livestock, and provides work therapy for the children. Vegetables are used for meals in season; others are canned or frozen for winter use.

Next to the year the Home was opened, we feel sure that 1971 was our greatest year.

—Walstein W. Snyder,  
Executive Director